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DAR Appeals to U.S. to Support CIA, FBI

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WASHINGTON — The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, noting the hostage crisis in Iran and declaring America is endangered by a lack of internal security, Monday appealed to U.S. officials to "unshackle and support an effective CIA and FBI."

Releasing the final edited copies of a series of resolutions, the organization went on record urging immediate measures by Congress and the White House to "restore the military strength of the United States to its former position of supremacy" to insure "survival of our country... and to afford protection to the free world."

After concluding the final proceedings of the 89th Continental Congress at Constitution Hall Monday, the 4,000 Daughters representing the 50 states headed for their homes.

The Congress earlier elected Mrs.

Patricia Shelby of Beulah, Miss., as the DAR president general. Mrs. Shelby, in her 40s and described by members generally as probably "the best looking president general in generations," was serving as first vice president general.

She headed a slate of officers that triumphed by a one-sided vote over the slate headed by Mrs. Winnifred Mason, the former District of Columbia state regent. Mrs. Shelby lives on a big Bolivar County, Miss., cotton, soybean and rice plantation. She succeeds Mrs. Jeannete Baylies, outgoing president general from Wisconsin.

The first of the resolutions adopted was entitled "The Eleventh Hour." This 300-word measure stated that since the end of World War II there has been a concerted campaign of unilateral disarmament and because of our foreign policies "we are now faced with a situation of almost complete encirclement by Communist forces. These policies have steered our great nation to the brink of disaster."

Mrs. Arthur F. Felt Jr. of New Orleans, long active in the DAR in Louisiana and on the national level, is a member of the organization's resolutions committee. Mrs. Phyllis Hlaflay of Alton, Ill., was chairman of the National Defense Committee during the administration of Mrs. Baylies.

Declaring that the United Nations once again has proven its "ineffectiveness" in trying to aid in the release of the American hostages in Tehran, the DAR reaffirmed its position in opposing the presence of the United Nations on American soil.